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In re Application of: Mitchell R. Dorfman et al

Filed: December 7, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No: 10/008,894

Examiner: Christopher A. Fiorilla

For: PRE-ALLOYED STABILIZED ZIRCONIA POWDER AND IMPROVED THERMAL

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following is request for a three-month extension of time of submission of a reply to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$950.00 petition fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3024.

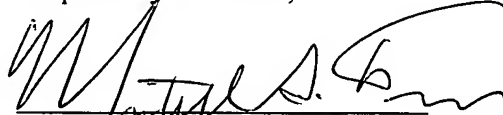
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